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Choir Will Sing From "The Messiah"

With a membership of thirty-two, the choir has vigorously begun its present season and may be heard practicing in the chapel every Wednesday evening in preparation for forthcoming concerts. As in the past, Mrs. Arthur Lynip is directing.

The choir will be heard first this season at one of the local churches in a Christmas program, tentatively scheduled for December 15. The program, entirely sacred in character, will be divided into two parts. The first will consist of selections from Handel's "Messiah," both choral and solo. The second part will be made up of individual selections by various composers, including Handel and Bach. The accompanist for this quarter is Miss Beatrice Morgan, a freshman.

Elect "Commoner" Staff

In making the transition from the former plan of having the members of the Senior class publish the year book, the COMMONER, to the future plan which makes the Junior class responsible for its publication, this year's corps of workers will be composed of a coalition staff. Already promises of the "finest book ever," "a masterpiece of senior-junior ingenuity," and other such complimentary phrases are filling the air, to say nothing of promises that the annual will be ready for distribution around the first of May.

At a recent joint meeting of the two classes, the following young men and women were honored by being placed in positions of responsibility on the COMMONER Staff:

Editor-in-chief, Edward Paul; Assistant Editor, Grace Levensgood; Business Manager, Warren Oliff; Assistant Business Manager, Julius Reeves; Art Editor, Mark Levensgood; Photo Editor, Charles Shirley; Circulation Manager, Leona Wilson; Faculty Advisors, Professor Lynip and Dean Ryther, advisors of the Senior and Junior classes, respectively.



A Portion of the Student Body

Phil Saint Speaks

Two students from Wheaton college, Phil Saint and Harlan Harris, recently presented a novel and uplifting program at the University. Mr. Saint brought a plain, vivid gospel message at the Baptist Church in Dayton on Wednesday evening November 20, and spoke again at the University chapel service, the following day. His talk was clarified and made more attractive by his chalk pictures, made as he spoke and sang. Harlan Harris accompanied on the piano while Mr. Saint sang, and blended his own voice with Mr. Saint's in duets.

Well qualified to give the talk which he gave on Thursday morning, Mr. Saint is a senior at Wheaton and an honor student. He has majored in anthropology, and has studied the theory of evolution with the object of refuting it. He feels strongly that there is a need in America for men who will devote themselves to the study of the subject so that they will be able to meet the evolutionist on his own grounds. Mr. Saint gave a brief outline of the belief of evolutionists, his clear pictures making it quite understandable.

Coming from a large family in a small town near Philadelphia, Mr. Saint has always been accredited with unusual intelligence. For seven years, since a time before he graduated from high school, he has been preaching the gospel. His simple messages have been greatly used of the Lord. His pic-

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Library Needs Books

The University Library now has about 30,000 volumes, most of which have been catalogued for ready reference. Work on cataloguing is going ahead steadily, students doing the work under the close supervision of the Librarian, Miss Julia Anna Yancey.

However, new books have to be added constantly, to keep the Library up to the desired standard. If any reader of the NEWSETTE has a copy of one or more of these books which he would like to donate to the University Library, the gift would be greatly appreciated. Every book donated to the Library bears the donor's name on the inside front cover or flyleaf.

Books now desired include:

- MacDonald, William—Documentary Source Book of American History.
- Grove, Sir George—Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians.
- Lewis, Cleona—America's Stake in International Investments.
- Schapiro, Jacob Salwyn, and Morris, Richard Brandon—Civilization in Europe.
- McLaughlin, A. C., and Hart, A. B.—Cyclopedia of American Government.
- Cambridge Medieval History—Planned by J. B. Bury.
- Library of Southern Literature—ed. by E. A. Alderman, J. C. Harris.
- Lynd, Robert Staughton, and Lynd, Helen—Middletown in Transition.

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—God Above All—

The Incoming Tide

The editorial which follows was printed several years ago in *The King's Business*. Prophetically, it seems, the writer saw the days to come—days in which we are now living. We reprint it here with the conviction that it is high time God's people heed the warning.

The tide is coming. The tide is strong. It is against God; it is against the Bible; it is against the Church; it is against authority; it is against morality; it is against civilization.

The sweep of this tide in our land is tremendous. It has gathered force so rapidly that it almost staggers one to contemplate the power of its surging waves.

What can we do? The shores are lined with children—innocent, unaware. Young people are playing their games. Students are pleasantly picnicking on the sand. Men and women are occupied in the pursuit of pleasure. Even the church is there—feeding, feasting, having a good time, selfishly rejoicing in her safety.

But—the tide is coming in! We can see it! We have been up in the watch-tower, with God's glasses, and looking out! We can see it!

We had read a prophecy of such a tide. We believed it would come *some time*, but not in our day. But there it is—a great tidal wave!

What can we do? Can the tide be diverted? Can it be stemmed? Can we erect a breakwater against it?

We must do something. Who will help?

The Church must be warned. It seems a pity to break in upon their delightful, self-satisfied, selfish pleasure, but we must remind them that they are God's watchmen, His life-guards, and it is their business to warn of danger.

We must take the children to a place of safety!

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A Three-fold Witness

By Pastor George Schmeiser
Fellowship Church, Philadelphia

The Third Epistle of John, although it contains only fourteen verses in its entirety, yet gives us the word-photographs of three men. The first was Gaius, who did not enjoy physical health but his soul prospered in the truth. This produced a godly walk, which is always a real testimony. In his weakness he was able to reach out in help to the brethren.

Diotrephes was selfish, loved the place of pre-eminence, and enjoyed showing authority. There are many like him today. If they cannot be the head, they will not work and they hinder others from working. This man was a curse to the body of believers just as such a one is to any group today.

The third and last word-photograph is that of Demetrius. All we know of him is found in these words, "Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true." No one could bear a better testimony than this.

The men of the world were influenced by the life Demetrius lived. His life withstood the acid test of the Word of God (the truth), and the brethren were encouraged by the consistency of his life.

Let us consider in detail each of the three aspects of the report concerning Demetrius. In the first place his new life in Christ was carried with him as he walked among the men of the world. It should be so, for we read in Matthew 5:16 that our light is to so shine before men, that they, seeing our good works, will glorify our Father which is in Heaven. Then, too, in Philippians 2:15, we are to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

It is true that we are not to be conformed to this world but we are exhorted on every hand by the Word to bear a bright testimony in the world. Men who do not read their Bibles do, however, read the lives of the children of God as they live and act in the world.

In the second place, the good report of Demetrius came from the truth. Jesus, in John 17:17, prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth;

thy word is truth." Here we see a man who allowed the Word of God to have such a place in his life that that same Word commended his godly walk and life.

The Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). This is the same as the thought before us; namely, let the Word have its place and that very Word will bear witness in your behalf.

The time spent with the Word causes that Word to have its effects upon our lives. Our spiritual lives being deepened and enriched by the strong meat of the Word, we become fruitful branches, bearing by the power of the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, as found in Galatians 5:22, 23.

Walk in obedience to the Word and that very Word will in return commend you. If we walk contrary to the Word, that very Word condemns. Have you ever noticed how God in His Word brings to our attention those who walked with Him and obeyed Him? In Hebrews eleven we have a group of these veterans of the faith.

The third and final aspect of the report came from the brethren. These were fellow-workers who day by day saw this man of God and they too brought a good report.

It is a blessed thing when brethren can look at one another and give a good report. So often it is just the opposite. We generally seek the weak points and failures and parade these about. Jealousy causes many brethren to err. You may say it takes grace to pass on a word of praise. It does, especially when the one who is to give the praise feels that he or she can do the task just as well.

The whole matter would adjust itself if we would look at one another as we are in Christ. In this way weakness would be lost in His might, shortcomings lost in His all-sufficiency, and we would be seeking to see Christ as He is living through the other brother. The brethren in this Epistle of John must have seen Demetrius in this way.

Does the world see Christ in you and thus give a good report concerning your testimony for Him?

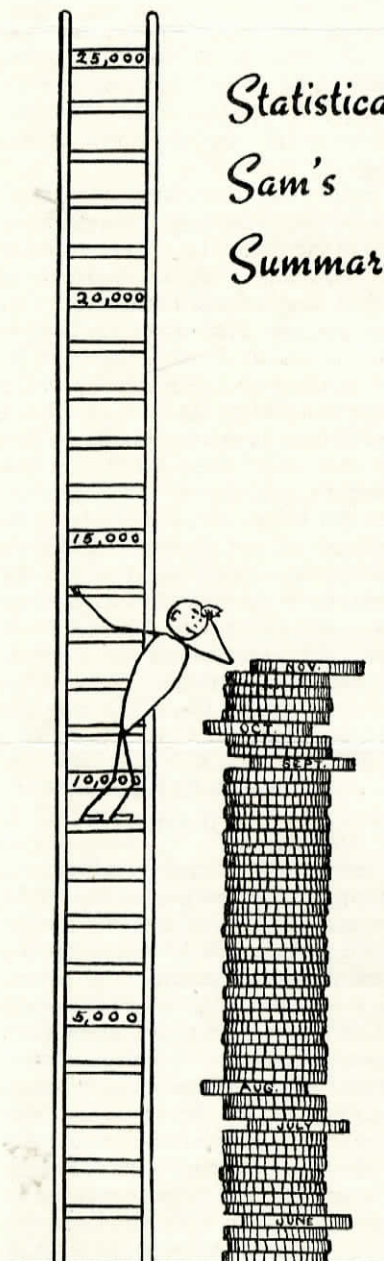
Does the Word of God condemn or commend your Christian living?

Do the brethren see Christ in you and give a good report for you?

Bryan University

Novel Program Given in Assembly

A recent assembly period found the Student Council in session on the platform, with the president, Miss Leona Wilson, presiding. The purpose of the program was to acquaint the student body with proceedings at Council meetings, and also to discuss several current student problems, especially that of maintaining a worshipping attitude on entering the chapel. Now as students enter the chapel door a sign reminds them to "Be silent before the Lord" (Zech. 2:13).



Statistical
Sam's
Summary

KLAMM IS EDITOR

Word has been received that Mr. Glenn Klam, a 1940 Bryan graduate, is editor-in-chief of "The Good News," the monthly publication of the Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute, where he is now enrolled. Brother Nye J. Langmade, a speaker at our Bible Conference several years ago, is president of the Institute, located at Salina, Kansas.

NEWSETTE sends hearty congratulations to Mr. Klam.

NOVEMBER GIFT RECEIPTS

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10585.00		\$1,180.13



Gift Receipts, June 1 to Oct. 31 . . . \$11,258.71

Gift Receipts, Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 . . . 1,180.13

Total Gift Receipts to Nov. 30 . . . \$12,438.84

Whew! I just made it. It's six months since I started to climb and I'm just exactly halfway up the ladder.

Well, here goes for the last half!

Sam

Air Mail to Toliver

Dear Editor:

Due to the present situation in the Far East, especially as it relates to French Indo-China, it is becoming increasingly difficult to get mail from America. Would you please insert a note in the *Newsette* to the effect that our mail will be more certain to reach us if sent air mail in China. Besides the regular five cents postage, nineteen cents must be added and the envelope plainly marked "By Air Mail from Hong Kong to Chungking." This applies both to myself at Pengshan and Miss Haeger at Kiangtsing, Szechwan.

Thank you.

RALPH TOLIVER,
Pengshan, Szechwan

SPANISH TEA

Serenaders, fortunes, and babbling Spanish voices made the tea given Monday, November 25, by Miss Kaltenbach for the Spanish classes, a decided success. The Spanish gypsies gathered in Miss Kaltenbach's apartment where the strumming of a guitar greeted their ears. The guitar proved to be the accompaniment for serenaders, Miss White and Miss Wilson, who sang the Spanish favorite, La Paloma.

To be admitted into the Gypsy den the guests had to display a flag of one of the twenty-two Spanish-speaking South American countries. The flags were used during the afternoon for a flag-identification contest. The winner was awarded a silk Mexican flag.

Two short Spanish plays were presented and several games, all in Spanish, were played. A fortune-teller, Miss White, was an added attraction. The fortunes, possible but highly improbable, were cause for much amusement.

Cream-olive sandwiches, cheese crackers, stuffed dates, green pepper slices, and South American Malthe tea gave a Spanish air to the tea table.

Shouting Spanish thanks, and singing Spanish choruses, the guests departed to find themselves once again in an English-speaking country.

What We Say

If all that we say in a single day,
With never a word left out,
Were printed each night in clear
black and white
'Twould prove queer reading, no
doubt.

And then, just suppose, ere our eyes
we could close,

We must read the whole record
through;

When wouldn't we sigh, and
wouldn't we try

A great deal less talking to do?

And I more than half think that
many a kink

Would be smoother in life's tan-
gled thread,

If half that we say in a single day
Were left forever unsaid.

PASTORS, ATTENTION!

Does your church have new song books? Are the old ones still lying about, unused, in the book racks or, perhaps, stacked away to collect dust in some forgotten corner? We can put them to use in the Lord's work.

The Christian Service Association of the University needs good Gospel song books for use in the mountain and country churches being supplied with student and faculty teachers and preachers. With some eighteen or twenty outposts to be provided for, there is definite need for probably as many as five hundred books, but they need not all be the same, as congregations vary in size from fifteen or twenty to as high as fifty or sixty.

If you have old, but still serviceable books you would like to contribute to this work, please address your letters to *Newsette*, Bryan University, Dayton, Tennessee, giving the title and number of copies available.

PHIL SAINT SPEAKS

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tures, and the unusual lighting effects which he uses create an impression on his audience which would be hard to equal with words alone. He visited us in the course of a brief tour through some of the southern states over Thanksgiving day. We only wish we had been able to hear more from these talented young men, and we pray that the Lord will use them greatly in His ministry.

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Mildred Kuntz Writes of Work Among Indians

The letter printed below was written by Miss Mildred Kuntz, a graduate of the University, who, having been graduated last June, attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics during the summer and is now laboring as a missionary among the Navajo Indians in Arizona. It is addressed to Mrs. H. W. Hill, University dietitian.

"Dear Mrs. Hill:

"I wish to thank you for the lovely birthday card you sent me. It was so sweet of you to remember me, and then later more birthday wishes came from Bryan, and I felt like shouting for joy. It truly did bring back many memories . . . your remembrance was an encouragement way out here in the desert, 95 miles away from the nearest white man's town.

"It would be nice if you could come out to Navajo land to see how conditions really are here. They are so different from what one would expect right in our country. The Navajo people are steeped in fear and superstition. Poverty reigns everywhere, and Satan has them bound with bands of sin which can hardly be broken. Praise the Lord, His Word can penetrate the heart of even the vilest sinner, even though the work goes forward slowly.

"Many of these people do not have names until they grow up, and then names such as White Hair, Black Whiskers, Many Torquois, Paul Horse, and so forth, are given to them.

"The children often are called by 'Son of Many Torquois' or daughters 1, 2, and 3. We have the greatest desire to speak to them; yet we cannot, unless we use an Indian interpreter. They cannot understand Eng-

lish, and we cannot understand Navajo, for it is such a difficult language. You see, we are in a pioneer field, so our people do not have any schooling whatsoever. However, in some other more advanced sections of the reservation, Navajos have had the opportunity to go to school. Another difficulty is that our people are a nomadic type, therefore live miles apart from each other, causing much traveling to be done if only a handful of people are to be reached.

"In spite of these difficulties, souls are being won, and other sheep are being added to the fold. My work consists of office and kitchen work, so I do not get in touch with our natives very much.

"Pray that the Lord's purpose for my life will be fulfilled daily—no matter what it is. Nothing can be accomplished without Him, for we are too weak and the work is too great.

"I did have an interesting experience doing highway evangelization out on the desert far away. As we were traveling along the washed-out road, a wagon approached us, and after greeting each other in Navajo style, we asked if we could talk to them about Jesus. The man, being a Christian, though in a back-slidden condition, consented, so the whole family squatted down on the ground before us, and I was privileged to open the Word to them through Albert, our native interpreter. The wife said she had never heard the story before from the lips of a missionary and asked me to tell her more. I gladly did, after which she accepted the Lord as her Saviour. Please pray that these young Christians may become strong in Him."

THE INCOMING TIDE

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We must sound the alarm along the shore!

We must urge all of God's prophets and preachers to lay off with the fairy tales and pretty poems and sound out the story of the Cross.

We must recognize fully that every man and woman who denies God's Word—whether in the Church or in the world—is an enemy, and we must reprove, rebuke and warn, as we see the day approaching.

We must put our hearts, our souls, our means into this movement.

The tide is on! The night comes!

RIFLE CLUB IS FORMED

Perhaps it is the snappy fall air, the opening of the hunting season, or the continuation of the European conflict—who knows which?—that has resulted in the organization of a new group on the Bryan University campus. Whatever the cause, a new form of recreation has been introduced on Bryan Hill, and already the crack of the rifles can be heard at the rifle range. All indications are that the membership of the club will be large, including a number of young ladies who, no doubt, will vie favorably with the men for shooting honors.

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